GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:195
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2005
RE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangement has been made by the Government to ward off the problem of national highways getting washed away due to heavy rains/cyclones in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details with regard to various national highways including National Highway No. 45 which got damaged on account of heavy rain/cyclone during the current year, State-wise, National Highway-wise;

(d) the steps the Government proposes to take to reconstruct all such national highways;

(e) whether any request has been pending with the Government for the grant of fund from Special fund to reconstruct damaged national highways/bridges; and

(f) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.195 FOR ANSWER ON 06.12.2005 ASKED BY DR. K. DHANARAJU AND SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MAHATO REGARDING RE-CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS

(a) & (b) Development and improvement of National Highways is based on the design and specifications and provision of cross drainage structures to withstand rain/floods of normal magnitude. However, washing away/breaches due to over topping during abnormal rain/cyclone do occur and cannot be entirely prevented. In the event of any breach/washing away caused by the unprecedented rains/cyclone restoration works are taken up on immediate basis such as filling up of breaches, launching of bailey bridges, construction of diversion roads etc. wherever required in order to restore the traffic.

(c) Details are given in the Annexure.

(d) Restoration works like filling of pot holes, patch repairs, restoration of embankment, repair of cross drainage works and retaining walls, repairs to bridge, construction of diversion road wherever required are carried out to make the road in traffic worthy condition within available resources.
(e) & (f) Out of the allocations made for maintenance and repair of National Highways, separate earmarking of funds is done for repair of damages caused by flood / rain depending upon the availability of funds and magnitude of damages. The funds earmarked for this purpose during the current year have already been allocated to different States based on their demand and assessment of damages. There are budgetary constraints in meeting out the entire requirement of repair and maintenance.

ANNEXURE ANNEXURE REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 195 FOR ANSWER ON 06.12.2005 ASKED BY DR. K. DHANARAJU AND SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MAHATO REGARDING RE-CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS

Details of Damages Due to heavy rain/ Floods in the year 2005